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Hearings continue on Thursday, May 11.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1578–1598, 2 private bills, H.R. 1599–1600; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65, and H. Res. 141–142 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Con. Res. 64, authorizing the 1995 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 104–113);

H. Res. 140, providing for the consideration of H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (H. Rept. 104–114); and

H.R. 1266, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, amended (H. Rept. 104–115).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Dickey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Journal: By a recorded vote of 364 ayes to 40 noes, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 310, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, May 3.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Presidential Message—Antiterrorism: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits proposed legislation to combat domestic and international terrorism—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Banking and Financial Services, and Commerce and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–71).

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Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1139, to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

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Special Olympics Torch Relay: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 64, authorizing the 1995 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

Pages H4562–63

Coast Guard Authorization for 1996: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 309, the House passed H.R. 1361, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for the Coast Guard.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed To:

The Coble en bloc amendments that extend the term of Towing Safety Advisory Committee from September 30, 1995 to October 1, 2000; require U.S. citizenship for ownership of a documented vessel; amend trustee restrictions provisions; provide additional criteria for vessels to be endorsed with a coastwise endorsement and to be granted a demise charter; address limits on financial liability for tank vessels; limit consolidation or relocation of the Houston and Galveston Marine Safety Offices; express the sense of the Congress regarding funding for the Coast Guard; convey right, title and interest in the Light Station Montauk Point to the Montauk Historic Association of Montauk, New York; convey right, title and interest in the Cape Ann Lighthouse, Thatchers Island, Massachusetts to the town of Rockport, Massachusetts; amend the Johnson Act, related to vessels on voyages within the territorial jurisdiction of Indiana; transfer the United States Coast Guard Cuttyhunk Boathouse and Wharf to the town of Gosnold, Massachusetts; transfer the United States Coast Guard Station Block Island to the town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island, and indemnifies the town of New Shoreham for any environmental liability arising from that property; provide for tort reform related to cruise vessels; provide for the additional conveyances of vessels; provide limited waiver language for the coastwise operation certification of two vessels of Panamanian registry; and provide a

limited waiver on the transfer and sale of a certain vessel to an individual not of U.S. citizenship;

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The Roth amendment that prohibits the Coast Guard from charging user fees for the inspection of ferry vessels; and

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The Hoekstra amendment that requires the Coast Guard, before it could close a multimission small boat station, to cooperate with the local community in developing and implementing a transition plan to ensure that the maritime safety needs of the community will continue to be met.

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Rejected:

The Traficant amendment that sought to prohibit the use of appropriated 1996 funds to close any multimission small boat stations, but provides the authority to the Secretary to implement management efficiencies within the small boat system (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 308); and

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The DeFazio amendment that sought to permit the closure of multimission small boat stations only if it is determined that closing a station will adversely affect maritime safety less than the elimination of Coast Guard administrative aircraft.

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A point of order was sustained against the following amendments:

The Nadler amendment that sought to provide that any Coast Guard civilian employee assigned to Governor's Island, New York, who becomes unemployed as a result of the closure or realignment of that installation, would be eligible for full retirement benefits if that person would otherwise have been eligible for retirement within 5 years; and

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The Tauzin amendment that sought to reduce the amount the Coast Guard charges in user fees for inspecting small passenger vessels.

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The Nadler amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the Coast Guard from closing or realigning any facility or installation unless such action is done in accordance with the procedures established under the Base Closure Act.

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-references in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 139, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4620–72.

Referrals: One Senate-passed bill was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4553.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4588–89, H4596, H4597. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ELIMINATION OF WOOL AND MOHAIR PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the Effects of the Elimination of the Wool and Mohair Program on the American Sheep and Wool Industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Bonilla; Keith J. Collins, Acting Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on 1996/1997 Air Force Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, USAF, Chief of Staff.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995.

TITLE IX

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Title IX. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastert and Collins of Illinois; Norma Cantu, Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology continued oversight hearings on National Performance Review, with emphasis on Strengthening Departmental Management. Testimony was heard from Tom Glynn, Deputy Secretary,